



BUNNIES AND EGGS WILL TAKE OVER THE PARK IN APRIL!

Calling all youngsters! Get those baskets ready and prepare yourselves for Claude Moore Park's Annual Eggstravaganza and the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum's Bunny Bonanza.

This year's Eggstravaganza will be held on Wednesday, April 12 with a rain date of Thursday, April 13. This is a



nature-based event focusing on hands-on exhibits about reptiles, insects, and other animals that hatch from eggs. All exhibits, including Frogshackle Nature Center, will be open from 10 AM-12 PM.

But don't forget about the egg hunt! The park will host four hunts.

Two-year-olds will hunt, with help from their parents, at 10:15 AM. Three- and four-year-olds will hunt at 10:45 AM. Five- and six-year-olds will hunt at 11:15 AM, and seven- through ten-year-

olds will hunt at 11:45 AM. Only the two-year-olds will be accompanied by an adult; all other children will hunt on their own.

Space is limited for this program, so please register early and by the 4/11/06 deadline. The cost is \$5/child. All registered children will receive one free admission to the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum good on 4/12/06.

Once you're done exploring the hands-on exhibits and searching for eggs, head over to the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum for their Bunny Bonanza program. This spring program runs 10 AM-12 PM with visits from the 4-H Rabbit Club and Loudoun County Animal Control who will speak about animal care. If you miss this special event, feel free to stop in anytime on April 12 as the museum is open



10 AM-5 PM. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for children ages 2-12. For more information on either program, contact the park at 703-444-1275 or the museum at 703-421-5322.

HELP US KEEP LOUDOUN BEAUTIFUL; JOIN US FOR CMP'S SPRING TRAIL CLEAN-UP DAY!

Spring has arrived and it's time to get out on the trails and in the woods for Claude Moore Park's Annual Spring Trail Clean-Up Day. As part of Keep Loudoun Beautiful Month, Claude Moore Park will host volunteers on Saturday, April 22 from 8 AM-12 PM as we clean-up the trails, the

park's borders and streams, and do some trail maintenance including tree work and sign inventory.

In 2005, we hosted 90 volunteers, and are still looking for volunteers for this year's event. This is a great opportunity for any Scout groups, youth groups, or individuals who want to do some hands-on work in their local community.



All volunteers must register for this event no later than Friday, April 7. Reminders will be sent to all volunteers before the event. All children must be accompanied by an adult or group leader.

To register, please call the park at 703-421-0443 or email the staff at claudemoore@loudoun.gov.

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We're on the web!

Try: www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm

Meet Some Of Our Staff

There's always the not-so-glamorous work to be done including purchasing equipment and supplies, hiring and scheduling staff, resource management, and problem-solving. Many times you'll find these two staff members on the phone, doing research on the internet, or managing special events.

Pam Sheets is our Park Manager. She works directly with the Maintenance Supervisor to implement the overall maintenance plan for the park and works directly with the Assistant Park Manager on the natural resource management plan. Pam is ultimately responsible for hiring all park staff and managing their schedules, work assignments, and special requests. She also takes care of the planning and implementation of the large special events at the park. Pam has an M.Ed. in Recreation and Leisure Studies from the University of Georgia and a B.S. in Recreation and Park Management from Penn State. She's been the manager since January, 2002.



Tory Casas is the park's Seasonal Assistant Manager and started with the park in May of 2005. Tory is a local resident, growing up and going to school in the Sterling area. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Sport Management from Indiana State University and is currently working on her Master's of Science in Recreation and Sport Management at the same school. During her second season with the park, she will work with the part-time staff maintaining their work schedules and daily responsibilities as well as the maintenance staff doing park inspections and light maintenance work.

SAVE THE DATES! Upcoming special events or programs that you don't want to miss!

Claude Moore Park has some special events and great programs coming up in the next few months.

Be sure to check out the dates for the Open Houses at both the Lanesville House and Frogshackle Nature Center.

The 1779 Lanesville Ordinary and Post Office, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was home to the Lane/Keene/Bridges family for 162 years and Dr. Claude Moore for 50 years. Following extensive research, volunteers



from The Friends of Claude Moore Park have just repainted the parlors with the historic colors used in those rooms. Drop by and enjoy a guided tour of the house. Open Houses are scheduled on the following dates/times, and pre-registration is NOT required for this FREE program:

Saturday, April 1, 10-11:30 AM, Saturday, May 20, 10 AM-4 PM, Sunday, May 21, 12-4 PM (5/20 & 5/21 are in conjunction with Spring Farm Tour weekend), and Saturday, June 3, 10 AM-12 PM.

Frogshackle Nature Center also has several open house opportunities throughout the spring months. Run your fingers through a muskrat's fur. See a life-size fox. Make animal tracks in the sand. Explore our log cabin nature center and see and touch many fascinating objects. Children must be

accompanied by an adult. The nature center is showcasing a theme each month; this spring, the themes are as follows: April, "Eggs," May, "Birds/Nests," and June, "Camouflage." Open Houses are scheduled on the following dates/times, and pre-registration is NOT required for this FREE program: Monday, April 10, 2:30-3:30 PM; Friday, April 14, 11 AM-12 PM; Thursday, April 20, 2:30-3:30 PM; Thursday, May 18, 2:30-3:30 PM; and Thursday, June 15, 11 AM-12 PM.



Wings Over Loudoun—Bird Festival is just around the corner! Join Claude Moore Park on Saturday, May 13 for this new event and help us welcome the spring migrants home! Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with an early morning bird walk at 8 AM followed by the main event from 9 AM-1 PM. Join our festival of live bird demonstrations, hands-on activities, and crafts. Participate in a guided trail walk, looking and listening for our returning spring birds. You'll even have a chance to make your very own bird feeder! This is a free event and pre-registration is not necessary unless you have a large group. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Lastly, gate closing times will change in April. The park's nature and pedestrian gates will be closing at 6:30 PM starting, Monday, April 3.

Civil War History Tours Available This Spring!

Claude Moore Park has teamed up with Historian Steve Meserve for some fabulous Civil War History Tours this spring. If you enjoy learning about different battles and the legendary leaders of this time period, then join Steve for one of his spring trips. See below for his trip descriptions, and contact the park for more information or to register.

CIVIL WAR: LEESBURG--ANTIETAM **Saturday, April 8, 9 AM-5 PM (361709-01)**

Follow the path of the Army of Northern Virginia on their 1862 Maryland Campaign. Stops will include the John Janney home in Leesburg, White's Ford, Point of Rocks, the Barbara Fritchie home in Frederick, Crampton's Gap and Turner's Gap on South Mountain and the Maryland Heights. Return by way of Harper's Ferry. **Register by 4/7/06.**



CIVIL WAR: EARLY'S MD RAID **Saturday, May 27, 9 AM-5 PM (361719-01) (NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

Follow Jubal Early's route on his Washington raid. Visit Round Hill, where Early's wagon train was attacked by the 21st NY and the 2nd Maryland Cavalry. Travel on past Harper's Ferry to Frederick for a tour of the Monocacy Battlefield, then on to Fort Stevens in Washington before returning. **Register by 5/5/06.**

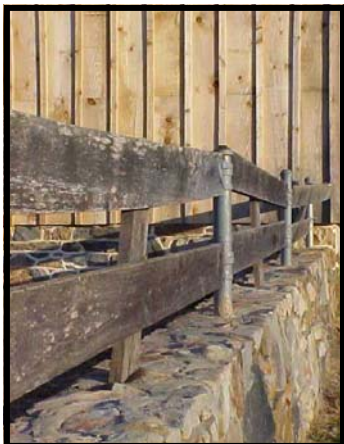
CIVIL WAR: 8TH VA AT MANASSAS **Saturday, June 10, 9 AM-5 PM (361727-01)**

Follow the route the 8th Virginia Infantry took from Leesburg to the battle of First Manassas, possibly including a visit to Thoroughfare Gap. After touring the First Manassas Battlefield, step forward in time a year to explore the 8th Virginia at Second Manassas and visit the sites where they fought that action. Additional \$3 fee or National Park Service/Golden Eagle pass needed to enter Manassas Battlefield. Register by **6/9/06.**



All trips will depart from and return to the parking lot at the Claude Moore Park Visitor Center in Sterling, VA. Our street address is 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling, VA 20164. Please bring a bag lunch with you. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and the trips are recommended for people ages 12 and over. For more information, please contact Claude Moore Park at 703-444-1275.

Photos from around the park.



Sunshine on the newly-renovated side of the animal barn.



A view of the widened Scout Trail (blue) in the southern forest.

Calling all Arts & Crafts Vendors

Do you make and sell jewelry? Do you carve wood and sell your carvings? Do you sculpt pottery and sell your wares? If so, then Claude Moore Park is looking for you. The park is hosting the 2nd Annual Autumn Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, September 9, 2006.



Claude Moore Park is approximately 30 miles from Washington, DC and Frederick, MD, in the heart of Northern Virginia's shopping district, and close to Route 7, the Capital Beltway, the Dulles Greenway, and Route 28.

This outdoor show will run 10 AM-5 PM; vendors will be assigned set-up and break-down times. For \$30, vendors will be provided with an assigned 10 x 10 area; vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, and tents. This event will be held rain or shine. **LIMITED** electricity is available for \$10; at this time, the park is limiting electricity to food vendors.

Spaces will be pre-assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. A final confirmation packet will be sent two weeks prior to the show detailing directions, a park map, and grounds information including each vendor's location. Admission to the public is **FREE**.

Again, the park is only accepting vendors who hand-make their products. The park will not accept manufacturers, retailers, resellers, or importers.

Please visit www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm and go to the park's special event section; vendors can download an application from this site. Be sure to follow all directions to apply for this year's show.